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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-041800US
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

AKIRA HAMAMATSU et al.

Application No.: 10/082,593

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
INSPECTION METHOD

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 5740

Examiner: Hoa B Trinh

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2814

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.